REMARKS

This is in response to the Decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirming the Examiner's rejection of claims 15-17 in the above-identified application, and in response to the courtesy telephone call from the Examiner earlier today, July 28, 2008. With this Amendment, claims 15-17 are hereby canceled. Claims 1-2, 4-10 and 12-14 were previously allowed by the Examiner. Therefore, in response to this Amendment canceling claims 15-17, it is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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